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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT : FEASIBILITY STUDIES

REF: KABUL 6069; STATE 219747; STATE 221393

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED BY MAJOR PROJECTS,
USDOC FROM ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS INC., DENVER, COLORADO

QUOTE:

YOUR FORWARDING TO US INFORMATION REGARDING UP-COMING
WORK FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN AFGHANISTAN IS VERY
MUCH APPRECIATED. ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. WISHES
TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES FOR
FEASIBILITY STUDIES, FINAL DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF
TENDER DOCUMENTS, AND FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION,
PERSONNEL TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT.

FOR THE PREPARATION OF SOUND AND REALISTIC PROPOSALS
SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING LOCAL CONDITIONS
AND MANPOWER AVAILABILITY IN AFGHANISTAN WOULD BE
HELPFUL.

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A) ARE HYDROLOGICAL DATA OF AT LEAST FIVE
CONSECUTIVE YEARS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPOSED
WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENTS?

B) ARE RELIABLE MAPS OF SUFFICIENT DETAIL FOR
FEASIBILITY LEVEL INVESTIGATIONS EXISTING IN
AFGHANISTAN?

C) HAS A LAND INVENTORY FOR AGRICULTURAL USE
BEEN PREPARED, AND ARE SOILS CLASSIFICATION DATA
AVAILABLE?

D) ARE SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED ENGINEERS AVAILABLE
SO THAT THE CONSULTANTS WOULD WORK IN ADVISORY
CAPACITY ONLY?

E) IF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IS NOT AVAILABLE IN
SUFFICIENT NUMBER, WOULD THE CLIENT PREFER THAT
THE CONSULTANT PERFORM ALL THE WORK IN AFGHANISTAN,

OR COULD MUCH OF THE WORK BE PERFORMED IN THE
HOME OFFICE?

F) WILL TRAINING OF LOCAL ENGINEERS IN AFGHANISTAN

AND IN THE CONSULTANTS HOME OFFICE BE PART OF THE
CONTRACT?

G) WHICH ENGINEERING SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED BY
AFGHAN ENGINEERS? SURVEYING, MAPPING, GEOLOGIC
EXPLORATION, ETC.

H) WOULD PRIVATE AERIAL SURVEY COMPANIES BE
PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN AFGHANISTAN? ARE THERE
ANY SPECIALLY LICENSED COMPANIES?

I) ARE ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS AVAILABLE?

J) IS DRILLING EQUIPMENT AND QUALIFIED DRILLING
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PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR SITE EXPLORATION?

K) ARE TESTING LABORATORIES FOR AGRICULTURAL SOILS,
SOILS AND ROCK MECHANICS AVAILABLE?

L) WHAT IS THE SITUATION REGARDING OFFICE SPACE
IN KABUL?

M) IS HOUSING FOR EXPATRIATES AVAILABLE?

N) WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT TAX AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS
IN AFGHANISTAN?

O) IS SCHOOLING AVAILABLE AT THE ELEMENTARY AND
HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS?

WE REALIZE THAT MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS MAY HAVE NO
ANSWERS AT THIS TIME, BUT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN
AFGHANISTAN MAY BE MADE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THESE
AND SIMILAR QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY MOST COMPANIES
INTERESTED IN DOING WORK IN THEIR COUNTRY. END QUOTE

2. MAJOR PROJECTS IS AWARE THAT A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO
THESE QUESTIONS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE BUT TRANSMITS THE
LETTER IN TOTAL FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMATT IN
KABUL. THIS IS THE MOST COMPLETE LISTING SEEN BY
THIS WRITER OF INFORMATION CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY AN
ENGINEERING FIRM TO THOROUGHLY REVIEW THE POSSIBILITY
OF WORKING ON A GIVEN PROJECT. COMATT MAY WISH TO
REFER TO IT IN REPORTING SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS.

3. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ANSWERING MUCH OF THIS LETTER
AS POSSIBLE IS APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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